22 The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Assessors' Use only State Tax Form 96-4 Date Received Revised 7/2011 Application No. Name of City or Town Parcel Id. **VETERAN** FISCAL YEAR APPLICATION FOR STATUTORY EXEMPTION General Laws Chapter 59, § 5 THIS APPLICATION IS NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION (See General Laws Chapter 59, § 60) Return to: **Board of Assessors** Must be filed with assessors on or before December 15 or 3 months after actual (not preliminary) tax bills are Mailed for fiscal year if later. **INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the following. Please print or type. **A. IDENTIFICATION.** Complete this section fully. Name of Applicant _____ Marital Status ____ Telephone Number Legal Residence (Domicile) on July 1, _____ Mailing Address (If different) City/Town Zip Code Street Location of Property: No. of Dwelling Units: 1 2 3 4 Other-Did you own the property on July 1,______ ? Yes No Sole Owner Co-owner with Spouse Only Co-owner with Others *If yes, were you:* Was the property subject to a trust as of July 1, ? Yes No If yes, please attach trust instrument including all schedules. Have you been granted any exemption in any other city or town (MA or other) for this year? Yes No *If yes, name of city or town Amount exempted \$* DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION (ASSESSORS' USE ONLY) Ownership ___ GRANTED Assessed Tax \$ Occupancy DENIED Exempted Tax \$ DEEMED DENIED Status Adjusted Tax \$ Income **Board of Assessors** Assets Date Voted/Deemed Denied

Date:

Certificate No.

Date Cert./Notice Sent

Exemption: Clause

B. EXEMPTION STATUS. Check the status that applies to you and complete the questions that follow.	
VETERAN	
VETERAN'S SPOUSE	Veteran's Name
	Was the property the veteran's domicile as of July 1,?
	Yes No
	If no, where does the veteran reside?
VETERAN'S SURVIVING SPOUSE/ PARENT	Deceased Veteran's Name
	If first year of application, attach copy of death certificate.
	If you are surviving spouse, have you remarried? Yes \(\subseteq \) No \(\subseteq \)
Date Enlisted/Inducted	Date Discharged
	If first year of application, attach copy of discharge papers.
Military Decorations or Awards	
Did the veteran live in Massachusetts at least 6 mont	
If no, list places and dates where the veteran was domiciled during the last 6 years. (2 years if local option adopted - See Assessors)	
Address	
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Continue list on attachment in same format as necessary.	
	a combat zone? Yes No If yes, date of death
•	ate result of a combat injury or disease? Yes No
If yes and first year of application, (1) attach document (2) list above places and dates surviving spouse lived du	ation from U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, branch of service or doctor <u>and</u> uring the last 6 years (2 years if local option adopted – See Assessors)
Does the veteran have a service-connected disability	
If yes and first year of application, attach Certificate of	Disability from U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs or branch of service.
If yes and exemption granted previously, attach certificate only if disability rating is 100% or has changed.	
Has the veteran acquired "specially adapted housing	g?"Yes No
Is the veteran a paraplegic? Yes No	
C. SIGNATURE. Sign here to complete the applicat	ion.
	me. Under the pains and penalties of perjury, I declare that to the
complete.	accompanying documents and statements are true, correct and
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Signature	Date
If signed by agent, attach copy of written authorizati	on to sign on benan or taxpayer.

TAXPAYER INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS

PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS. You may be eligible to reduce all or a portion of the taxes assessed on your domicile if you meet the qualifications for one of the personal exemptions allowed under Massachusetts law. Qualifications vary, but generally relate to age, ownership, residency, disability, income or assets.

You may be eligible for an exemption if you fall into any of these categories:

- Blind
- Veteran with a service-connected disability
- Surviving spouse

- Minor child of deceased parent
- Senior citizen age 70 and older (65 and older by local option)

More detailed information about the qualifications for each exemption may be obtained from your board of assessors.

WHO MAY FILE AN APPLICATION. You may file an application if you meet all qualifications for a personal exemption as of July 1. You may also apply if you are the administrator or executor of a person who qualified for a personal exemption on July 1.

WHEN AND WHERE APPLICATION MUST BE FILED. Your application must be filed with the Board of Assessors by December 15 or 3 months after the actual bills were mailed for the fiscal year, whichever is later. An application is filed when (1) received by the assessors on or before the filing deadline, or (2) mailed by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, to the proper address of the assessors, on or before the filing deadline, as shown by a postmark made by the United States Postal Service. THIS DEADLINE CANNOT BE EXTENDED OR WAIVED BY THE ASSESSORS FOR ANY REASON. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT TIMELY FILED, YOU LOSE ALL RIGHTS TO AN EXEMPTION AND THE ASSESSORS CANNOT BY LAW GRANT YOU ONE.

PAYMENT OF TAX. Filing an application does not stay the collection of your taxes. In some cases, you must pay the tax when due to appeal the assessors' disposition of your application. Failure to pay the tax when due may also subject you to interest charges and collection action. To avoid any loss of rights or additional charges, you should pay the tax as assessed. If an exemption is granted and you have already paid the entire year's tax as exempted, you will receive a refund of any overpayment.

ASSESSORS DISPOSITION. Upon applying for an exemption, you may be required to provide the assessors with further information and supporting documentation to establish your eligibility. The assessors have 3 months from the date your application is filed to act on it unless you agree in writing before that period expires to extend it for a specific time. If the assessors do not act on your application within the original or extended period, it is deemed denied. You will be notified in writing whether an exemption has been granted or denied.

APPEAL. You may appeal the disposition of your application to the Appellate Tax Board, or if applicable, the County Commissioners. The appeal must be filed within 3 months of the date the assessors acted on your application, or the date your application was deemed denied, whichever is applicable. The disposition notice will provide you with further information about the appeal procedure and deadline.

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VETERANS:

FIRST TIME APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, STATING PERCENT OF DISABILITY.

- 1. CERTIFICATE **EVERY YEAR** STATING 100% WARTIME SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY, AND INCAPAPLE OF WORKING.
- 2. FIRST TIME FILING AS A DISABLED VETERAN, MUST PRESENT A CERTIFICATE WITH AT LEAST A 10% SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY
- 3. FIRST YEAR FILING AS A WIDOW OF DISABLED VETERAN, A DEATH CERTIFICATE AND EITHER FORM TA5A OR TA5 FROM THE <u>V.A.</u> STATING PERCENT OF DISABILITY AT TIME OF DEATH MUST BE PROVIDED.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS J.F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING BOSTON, MA. 02203

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